

Proposed Bill No. 6153

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LCO No. 1874

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by: REP. BYE, 19th Dist.

AN ACT CONCERNING FRAUDULENT CONCEALMENT OF MATERIAL FACTS RELATED TO A CAUSE OF ACTION.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 That section 52-595 of the general statutes be amended to provide 2 that if a person fraudulently conceals from another person substantial 3 material facts related to a cause of action, then such action shall not 4 accrue until such other person discovers the existence of such facts; 5 that suppression or nondisclosure of a substantial material fact related 6 to a cause of action which a party is under an obligation to 7 communicate or disclose constitutes fraudulent concealment of the 8 cause of action; that the obligation to communicate or disclose such 9 material fact or facts may arise from the confidential relations of the 10 parties or from the particular circumstances of the case; and that 11 fraudulent concealment may be proven by circumstantial evidence.

Statement of Purpose:

To clarify application of the fraudulent concealment statute and toll the statute of limitations in an action where material facts related to that action have been fraudulently concealed.